

# Innovation Schools Network

## Fall/Winter 2012 Calendar of Events

*Dear Innovation School Community Members and Prospective Innovation School Planners,*

*We are pleased to announce a calendar of fall and winter events intended to serve dual purposes: (1) to connect those working in Innovation Schools and, (2) to provide technical support to those planning Innovation Schools. Please feel free to share this information with others who may be interested.*

### **Innovation Schools Planning Grants**

We are pleased to be able to announce that planning grants will again be available to Innovation School planners. Planning grants will be for up to \$10,000 per proposed Innovation School. Schools must be slated to be established in a RTTT participating district. The grant application prioritizes teacher initiated plans, as well as STEM themed plans, schools proposed in level 3 and 4 districts, and plans that creatively expand the school day and year using existing resources. Planning grant applications will be due **December 20, 2012**. The complete Innovation School planning grant RFP will soon be post at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/grants.html>.

### **Webinar - Innovation School Approval Process & Planning Grant Application Process**

Innovation Schools Approval Process Overview & Planning Grant Information Webinar will be held on **Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm**.

This webinar will focus on the Innovation School approval process and the planning grant requirements. Those intending to apply for Innovation School Planning Grants are strongly encouraged to participate.

*Please rsvp to [bridget.rodriquez@state.ma.us](mailto:bridget.rodriquez@state.ma.us) to participate in the webinar.*

### **Working Sessions – Technical Assistance for Innovation School Planners**

Innovation School planners may sign up for a 90 minute consultation with EOE, ESE and independent consultants. Sessions are planned for

- Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> - DESE, 75 Pleasant Street in Malden, and
- Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - location TBD

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## **Innovation School Site Visits & Information Sessions**

Innovation School educators and those interested in learning about the Innovation Schools model are invited to two upcoming school site visits. Site visits will include a tour of the school and breakout sessions to debrief the visit with school faculty. Concurrent breakout sessions will be offered for those working in Innovation Schools

### **Paul Revere Innovation School** **Revere Public Schools**

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1-4pm

*The Paul Revere Innovation School is the first Innovation School in Massachusetts and uses creative scheduling to allow for common planning time and expanded professional development as well as to extend the day for students by two hours.*

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### **Springfield Renaissance Innovation Middle/High School** **Springfield Public Schools**

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1-4pm

*Springfield Renaissance is a middle and high school that uses an advisory system, high stakes authentic performance assessments, explicit attention to character education, and distributed leadership. For the past three years, the school has had 100% of its students accepted to college.*

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